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occasionally carefully concealed in a style that is happily refreshing. The chapter on the Mississippi and the Western Land Question is particularly illuminating and interesting. The claim of the United States to extend to the Mississippi is studied in great detail, and, in fact, the entire chapter seems to stand out as a complete essay in itself. The work as a whole is replete with interest and rich in learning.

History of the United States. By Emerson David Fite, Ph.D., Frederick Ferris Thompson, Professor of Political Science in Vassar College. With Maps and Illustrations. New York: Henry Holt & Co., 1916. Pp. xii+55.

The tendency to make of text-books, especially those intended for use in secondary schools and colleges, a thesis expounding some pet theory of the author is by no means uncommon at the present time. One striking merit in the work of Professor Fite is in having avoided this pitfall. In addition, the work is more than usually well divided, and though written with a view to introduce the student to present day conditions, the earlier periods in the history of the country have not been slighted. The author does, however, call attention to the fact that less space than usual has been given to military history. The reason for this departure is not stated. The bibliography appended to work is by no means exhaustive and suffers from the unaccountable omission of "date and place of publication" of the books which are enumerated.